

KINDRED SPIRITS

East Salem Church
Newsletter

A Seventh-day Adventist Congregation

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Church Family,

It is no secret in my family that I love Christmas. I love decorating, baking, gifting, and all the family time. As soon as November 1st hits, I'm counting down until I can start all the fun Christmas activities. In 2012, when I was born again, something happened that even I wasn't prepared for. My love for Christmas grew! Because I accepted Jesus into my heart and believed fully in everything that He had done for me...coming to this earth as a baby, living among us, and dying for me, I knew that Christmas would never be the same!

Even better than all of the fun family activities and decorating was a reason to celebrate that made all of it 100 times more special! Jesus makes my Christmas the best it's ever been and that reminder of what He did for me is the feeling I want to take into the New Year. While I was still a sinner, Jesus died for me (Romans 5:8)! Now that deserves a year long celebration!

This holiday season let's remember everything Jesus has done for us and when we gather with our friends and family let's use it as an opportunity to celebrate Him!

Holiday Blessings,
Pastor Kari Sheldon

WELCOME

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Baptisms

Myrna Snyder
Arielle Teague
Neve Hermens
Nadja Stephenson
Paige Sheldon

Transfers

Domnic Pillay
Nileshni Goundar (child- Palak Alisha Pillay)
Rafael & Lisa Reynoso (children- Gislaine, Emmanuel & Rafael)



CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding
Ivan Dassenko & Laura Edwards

CHURCH EVENTS

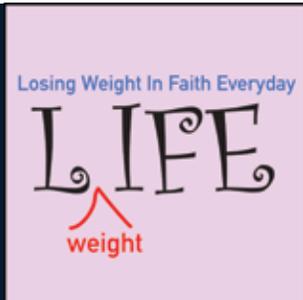


House of Prayer
Wednesday 6:30pm Church Chapel

Due to holidays, House of Prayer will only be meeting twice in December (4th & 11th) and will resume meetings on January 8th. *Note the new time.

LIFE Group
Thursdays 9-10am Church library

Last meeting will be December 19th, until further notice.



Growing in Grace
Thursdays 6:30pm Church

Growing in Grace will be interactive sessions where participants will experience God more personally, experience the overcoming life, and grow as a spiritual person in a carnal world.

Agape Feast
December 6th 6:00am

You are invited to our Agape Feast hosted by the Young Adults and is for our entire church family. It is a meal, communion and worship time centered around the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



Season of Giving

PATHFINDERS & ADVENTURERS are having their canned/nonperishable food drive. Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer underneath the bulletin board. The Angel Tree will be in the foyer December 7th and gifts need to be turned in by December 21st.

Church Business Meeting
December 10th, Tuesday 7:00PM

We invite everyone to come to this important business meeting.

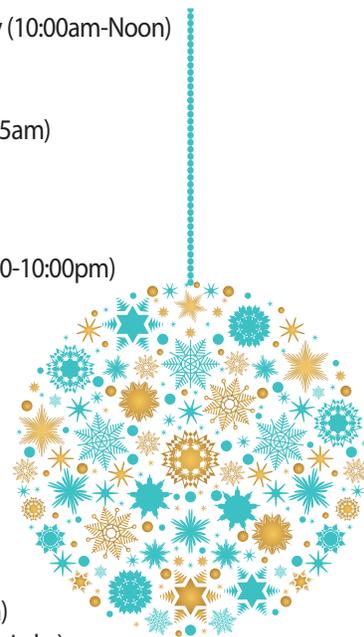


FELLOWSHIP DINNERS are the first Sabbath of every month following the morning worship service. We invite you to bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share and join with others in fellowship.

- December**
- 6- Agape Feast (6:00pm)
 - 7- Pastor Kari speaking
NO POTLUCK (due to kitchen remodel)
 - 10- Church Business Meeting (7:00pm)
 - 14- Pastor Kari speaking
 Children's Church (11:00am)
 - 15- Craft Time by Women's Ministry (10:00am-Noon)
 - 21- Pastor Kari speaking
 Christmas Breakfast (9:00am)
 Christmas Worship Service (10:45am)
 Angel Tree Gifts due
 - 25- Merry Christmas
 - 28- Myles Sterling speaking
 - 31- All Church New Year's Party (5:00-10:00pm)

- January**
- 1- Happy New Year 2020
 - 4- Pastor Kari speaking
 Fellowship Dinner (1:00pm)
 - 11- Dick Duerksen speaking
 Children's Church (11:00am)
 - 18- Domnic Pillay speaking
 - 25- Pastor Kari speaking
 Variety Show Rehearsal (5:00pm)
 - 31-Feb 2- Pathfinders Snow Trip (Big Lake)
 Freedom to Love series (Church)

- February**
- 1- Pastor Chuck Burkeen speaking
 Fellowship Dinner (1:00pm)
 - 8- Jaime Jorge Music Worship Service (10:45am)
 Children's Church (11:00am)
 Variety Show (6:00pm)
 - 15- Pastor Kari speaking
 Deadline for submitting information for Mar to May Newsletter
 - 22- LAA Music Worship Service (10:45am)
 - 29- Young Adult Sabbath (10:45am)



MERRY
Christmas



Did you know...

Our church website has lots of resources for you. Our church calendar can be synced with your calendar so you always have the last updates. Also, when you are planning an event you can look on the calendar to see what rooms are still available and which are booked for that day.
eastsaalemchurch.org

Adventist Single Adult Ministry (ASAM)

ASAM is open to any single over the age of 18, including divorced or widowed. Mark your calendar and watch for details for the following activities.

Snow Retreat

Big Lake Youth Camp
March 13-15, 2020

Watch for details in the Gleaner and plan on some fun in the snow. Bring your snow machine, snow shoes or skis and plan on enjoying some winter fun.

Rosario Singles Retreat

Anacortes, Washington
April 2-5, 2020

First Sabbath Activities

Rosario Singles Retreat
Anacortes, Washington
April 4-7, 2019
info@adventist-connect.org

First Sabbath Visitation

Join us as we visit a different church the first Sabbath of each month. We attend church, have lunch, followed by an afternoon activity and evening game night. Watch for the visitation schedule in the church bulletin.

Kaner Flats Campout

Enjoy camping? Watch for the details for this summer activity.

Oregon ASAM Singles Convention

Holden Center, Gladstone, OR
Weekend of September 11, 2020

Dear Church Family,

It has been my pleasure and a privilege to help Pastor Kari and others lead our church. The transition time between pastors can bring challenges. However, God is so good with His timing in providing for our needs. We are so fortunate to have a great team of leaders and volunteers who go above and beyond for our church family.



Our pastoral search committee meets regularly, and the process is going smoothly. We have narrowed down the candidates and will be doing an interview soon. I thank you for your prayers. We desire what God wants for your church; please pray for the Spirit's guidance as we move forward. We have great plans for next year, from evangelism to our young adult ministry. It is evident that God is working and doing mighty things at East Salem. Please join me in claiming the promise found in Deuteronomy 31:8, "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you..."

God is with us every step of the way!

Blessings,

Michael DuVall



New Freedom to Love, Truth About Love & Porn. New Freedom to Love is a 5-part, church-sponsored seminar that opens the subject of pornography up for a frank discussion. It provides an educational, holistic look at how pornography affects us bio-chemically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Speakers will include: Mike Tucker, Dr. Celeste Holbrook and Bernie Anderson.

January 31 - February 2

For more information contact Marc Braman at marcbraman@gmail.com



HOMELESS MINISTRY

Sunday evenings 5:00pm Location: Arches

We feed about 100 people each week. We rely on direct offerings for our monthly expenses – about \$800.

CAN YOU HELP?

Please mark your offering "Homeless Ministry."

For more information or other ways to help, call Kevin Gray at 503-990-3874.

We feed the homeless on Sunday evenings at 5 pm at the Arches (615 Commercial St. NE)

East Salem Church
VARIETY SHOW



February 8, 2020 6:00PM

FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW!
 Get yours now before they are gone.
eastsaalemchurch.org

Delicious food will be sold by the Pathfinders.

VIP SEATING FUNDRAISER

We are doing this again this year. Only 20 SEATS available. GOAL \$1,000. Your donation goes to the Living Legacy Fund. Please make your donation payable to the East Salem Church and mark it for Living Legacy.

VIP includes: front row seats, bottled water and goodie bag. Please sign up online or contact me directly to reserve your seats. Fonda Cox 360.823.7600

Sponsored by: East Salem Church Family Life

East Salem Church's Family Life Team invites you to participate in the Variety Show on February 8th at 6:00pm.

If you would like to participate, please fill out this form or register online @ eastsaalemchurch.org

REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 25TH AT 6:30PM AT THE CHURCH. *The rehearsal serves as a chance for our sound crew, coordinators and emcee to get all the information they need to make the program run smoothly. We will want you to be fully prepared as you would be for a full-dress rehearsal. We are looking forward to having you share your varied entertainment gifts with your church family.

___ YES, I will be at the January 25th rehearsal.

Full Name _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____

Category of Act

___ Comedy Act- individual ___ Pet Act
 ___ Musical Act- voice individual ___ Comedy Act- group
 ___ Musical Act- voice group ___ Story/Poem Act
 ___ Musical Act- Instrument individual ___ Other

Number of people in your act _____
 Length of Act *Max 5 minutes _____
 Title of Act _____

Participant Category
 ___ Child- under 13 ___ Youth ___ Mixed Ages
 ___ Young Adult 18-25 ___ Adult

Equipment needed (i.e. Number of Microphones, piano, music stands, etc.) _____

Anything we should know? Specific needs, etc.

Deadline is January 18th for act registration.



You are invited to our annual
New Year's Eve Party
 December 31 @ 5PM
 in the Fellowship Hall

Worship, Food, Games, Ping Pong

Bring potluck dinner foods, table games
 & ping pong gear

Most of all bring a friend.





ages 18-30ish

Calendar of Events

Agape Feast-

December 6th at 6PM at East Salem Church. YA are hosting this event for our whole church family.

Waffle Night/Group Meeting-

December 13th at 7PM at Josh & Julie McKinney's home

White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange-

December 14th at 6PM at YA Sabbath School classroom (Gifts \$15-\$20) Fun games & festive foods.

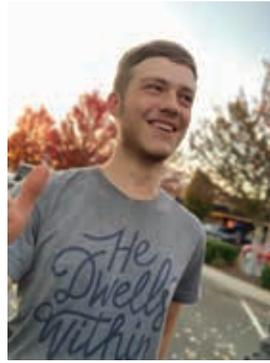
Christmas Cookie Making-

December 21st These cookies will be handed out to the homeless.

YA Sabbath Service-

February 29th at East Salem Church

FOLLOW- Facebook & Instagram- EastSalemYA



THOUGHTS FROM OUR YOUNG ADULTS LEADER TYLOR WATTS

Q: Tell us what makes ESYA an important ministry to you.

A: What makes our young adult ministry so important to me is the people. That's what it's all about! Connecting with people, building that support system, and growing relationships with spiritual depth. Oregon Young Adults has a quote that I love, "I will share a love so compelling, that people will spend the rest of their lives pursuing its source." That's the point! We aren't here to just have fun activities, we are here to invite people into a flourishing relationship with our loving God!

Q: What are some of the group bonding events and community outreach activities that ESYA has already done?

A: We have been getting together having monthly game nights, waffle nights where we talk about our groups future, sabbath hikes, the Perry's have been hosting lunches for us, 10 of us got to teach and serve at this years pathfinder teen retreat at Big Lake, we also meet every Saturday morning for bible study and group discussion.

Q: What some of events and activities that you hope to do in the future?

A: We have some awesome stuff coming up in the near future. Our group is volunteering as the hospitality team for Oregon Young Adults Night of worship, we are putting on a Church wide Agape Communion Feast, we have a Waffle Night Group Meeting, a Young Adult Christmas Gift Exchange, Christmas cookie decoration and donation, a planned Young Adult Sabbath Service, and so much more!

If you want to keep up to date on what we are doing follow us on facebook or instagram @eastsalemya



Our Church Ministries

2020

- Adventurers
- Children's Ministry
- Church Choir
- Community Service Center
- Evangelism Ministry
- Family Life Ministry
- Growing in Grace
- Holy, Healthy, Happy
- Homeless Ministry
- House of Prayer
- L.I.F.E. Losing Weight In Faith
- Live Streaming & Recordings Ministry
- Livingstone Adventist Academy
- Pathfinders
- Prayer Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Single's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Young Adults Ministry
- Youth Ministry



END OF THE YEAR BUDGET NEEDS

Budget needed	204,875
<u>Budget received</u>	<u>176,350</u>
Still needed	28,525

Please consider our local church budget needs in your stewardship and giving.

"Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; teach us to be patient and always to be kind." -Helen Steiner Rice

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 Salem, Oregon 97301



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THOUGHTS FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

In this season of Christmas, Livingstone Adventist Academy would like to say a special "thank you" to all those who have given of their time, skills, money, or prayers on our behalf. Livingstone has been richly blessed since moving into the new school. We have seen God's hand in answering so many of our prayers, sometimes before we have even asked. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas season!

Sincerely,

Mr. Personius, *Principal, Livingston Adventist Academy*

Please join us for the following events in December.

- Dec 7 Talent & Variety Show (5:00-8:00pm)
- Dec 12 PK – 6th Christmas Music Program (6:00pm)
- Dec 19 High School Music Program (6:30-8:00pm)

**There were be no school for Christmas Vacation Dec 23 - Jan 3*

BLESSINGS

- *Enrollment is up 10%
- *Kindergarten has a waiting list
- *A trailer was donated for use for our many trips
- *An awning connecting the school building to the covered play area is complete and fully functional
- *Home Ec room equipped and fully operational
- *Auto shop is equipped and fully operational
- *2 vehicles have already been donated to the auto program
- *HVAC for chapel was donated and has been installed
- *Drainage for soccer field was completed in time for winter



Church Remodel Update

Kitchen Remodeling

The kitchen equipment has arrived. The schedule for installation has been made. The kitchen should be finished by the end of the year. We should be able to start having Fellowship Dinner again starting in January. Thank you to everyone involved who is making this happen.

Men's Restroom Remodeling

Progress is being made on updating and repairing the men's restroom.



New Kitchen



Men's Restroom



LIVINGSTONE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

LIVINGSTONE Foundation 4 Education

Investing in LAA Students since 2018

Please join the growing number of parents, alumni, staff, grandparents, and other friends of Livingstone Adventist Academy who support Livingstone Foundation 4 Education. Together we can assure that all our kids get the life-transforming opportunities offered at Livingstone Adventist Academy.

Livingstone Foundation 4 Education (LF4E) is a lay-led, volunteer driven initiative; a group of forward-thinking alumni and friends of Livingstone Adventist Academy (LAA).

The sole purpose of LF4E is to raise and manage an endowment for scholarships for LAA students.

LF4E's objectives are:

- 1) to support students in their quest to participate in life-transforming education at LAA.
- 2) to keep LAA strong by impacting enrollment.

LF4E is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization. All contributions are tax deductible. LF4E accepts gifts of cash via checks and money orders.